

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace paragraph [0039] with the following amended paragraph:

The interaction of the first and second protrusions and the lead screw will now be described in more detail with reference to FIGS. 8(a) and 8(b). FIG. 8(a) shows first protrusions 172a and second protrusion 173a in alignment with the screw grooves of the lead screw 146. In the illustrated preferred embodiment, the first protrusions 172a tightly fit into the screw grooves of the lead screw 146. This is advantageous for accurate movement of the pickup in the linear direction. Second protrusion 173a is preferably formed to fit loosely into the screw grooves of the lead screw 146. In other words, in the normal state there is space between the second protrusion 173a and the lead screw 146. Also, the first protrusions 172a are preferably adapted to move independently of the second protrusions 173a along the radial direction ~~[[fo]]~~ of the lead screw 146.

Please replace paragraph [0042] with the following amended paragraph:

The interaction of the second extension portion 173, the support portions 135 and the pickup 130 during an impact will now be described in further detail with reference to FIGS. 9(a) and 9(b). As shown in FIG. 9(a), during the normal state, there is a gap G between the second extension portion 173 and the pickup. The gap G provides room for movement of the second extension portion 173 during an impact such that the second extension portion 173 is not ~~destroyed~~ destroyed by the impact. Support portion 135 ~~normal prevent~~ normally prevents the second extension portion 173 from moving the full extent of the gap G. However, as shown in FIG. 9(b) during a large impact, the second extension portion 173 can flex further to avoid being destroyed, up to the full extent of the gap G. After the impact, the second extension portion 173 preferably flexes back to its normal state, and the second protrusions 173a remain aligned with the screw grooves of the lead screw 146.

Please replace paragraph [0043] with the following amended paragraph:

Since the two support portions ~~[[136]]~~ 135 protruding at the side of the pickup 130 support both sides of the second extension portion 173, when a small external impact is applied, the support portion 135 prevents the second extension portion 173 from being separated from the

screw grooves of the lead screw. However, when a larger impact is applied, the support portions 135 allow the second extension portion 173 to flex further and avoid being damaged. Thus, the support portions 135 prevent the second protrusions 173a from becoming separated from the screw groove of the lead screw 146 unless a force exceeding a designated minimum is applied to the second protrusions 173.